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# District 10

## Mid-January Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

I hope the New Year is treating you well and that you are all succeeding with your resolutions! There are several updates for you in this month's newsletter, as well as information for you about some wonderful opportunities for residents to learn about the current state of our City and Mayor Reed's outlook for the year ahead, as well as to have direct input into the City's annual budget process.

### **Neighborhood Associations & Youth Commission Budget Priority Setting Session**

If you have not already signed up and you are a neighborhood leader, I encourage you to participate in this annual exercise to provide input on what the City should prioritize when putting together the budget for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. The session will be held this coming Saturday, January 18th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, in the Rotunda of San Jose City Hall (200 E Santa Clara Street). Each neighborhood association may send up to three leaders to participate. You will be joined by neighborhood leaders from throughout the City to discuss the 2014-2015 Operating Budget and, through a series of games and exercises, provide your input. To participate, registration is required. Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe.

Each participant must register individually, and participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is limited. If you haven't already registered, please do so now by [clicking here](#).

Even if you are not one of those representing your neighborhood this Saturday, **every resident can be involved in San José's budget process by playing the Budget Games online!** Over the last three years, the Budget Games were conducted as part of the Priority Setting Session, using play money and calculators. Now, with our partner Conteneo, who is supplying the online content at no cost to the City, we have made the game available online, which is new for 2014.

The online version allows more residents to be involved and provide their input into San

José's budget in a collaborative, game-style environment. The free, dare I say fun, hour-long online budget sessions will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 23rd, 24th, and 25th, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. You choose the times and dates that work best with your schedule.

We hope to have thousands of San José residents participate in the online Budget Games. After all, San José is the Capital of Silicon Valley, so let's take community participation in the budget process to a whole new level!

Register today for the online Budget Games by [clicking here](#).

For additional details, visit the City of San José website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=581>.

### **State of the City**

On Thursday, February 20th, at 6:00 PM, San José Mayor Chuck Reed will be giving his State of the City Address at the recently-renovated McEnery San José Convention Center, 50 W. San Carlos Street, San Jose, CA 95113. In addition to the Mayor's address, City Councilmembers will be recognizing organizations and individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to their communities and the city. I will be honoring the South Valley Family YMCA for their important work with youth in District 10. You will hear more about this in a future newsletter!

This is a great opportunity to hear about the City's accomplishments over the past year, and Mayor Reed's vision for our City, so [click here to register](#). There is no charge for this event and it is open to the public. I hope to see you there!

### **Make the Call San Jose**

I was recently made aware of a new show that could prove to be an incredible asset to the San Jose Police Department and our community as a whole. "Make the call, San José" is a 30-minute program highlighting unsolved homicides in the City of San José. The first episode highlights the unsolved homicides of 20-year old Justin Watkins, gunned down in May of 2013, and 17-year old Anthony Santa Cruz, who was stabbed to death in February 2013. Family members of each victim appear on the show to talk about the lives of these young men and how their deaths have affected their families. Special thanks to the San José Police Department, the Independent Police Auditor, and CreaTV for their collaboration. Let's work together as a community to take criminals off the streets and bring justice and closure to these families. Please take the time to view this first episode of "Make the call, San José!"

Click on the following link to view the show; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htBltYY9NuU>

### **Recent Road and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements**

While traveling around the district, you may have noticed some new pedestrian safety improvements. On McAbee Road & Golden Oak Way, near Guadalupe Oak Grove Park, the crosswalk was enhanced by replacing the embedded in-ground lights with flashing beacons. Bulb-out curb extensions were also installed to shorten the distance for

pedestrians to travel across McAbee Road.

Also, as you exit southbound Highway 85 onto Blossom Avenue, a radar speed display sign has been installed as a reminder that you are entering a residential area. Please remember to slow down to the appropriate speed limit as you exit the highway and always drive safely!



### **Measure B Litigation Update**

In Mayor Reed's monthly newsletter he included some excellent information on the outcome of the Measure B trial that took place last year. If you want to help clear up any confusion about the outcome of the trial or just remain informed on the progress of the important voter-approved reforms contained within Measure B, you won't want to miss the following reprint of the Mayor's article:

*"Last month, the Honorable Patricia Lucas issued a tentative decision in the lawsuit over San José's pension reforms. In upholding 10 of the 15 contested provisions, Judge Lucas protected most of the targeted savings from the measure, including the initial \$20 million in annual savings from the elimination of "bonus" pension checks and retiree healthcare reforms. However, the court also ruled that the balance of expected savings could only be achieved through pay cuts, and not the additional pension contributions / optional low-cost pension plan that would be more advantageous for the employees.*

View the judge's ruling (<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/25332>)

and

Mayor Reed's statement. (<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2200>)

*"We're pleased that the Judge protected the cost-savings that have allowed us to avoid additional deficits and to slowly begin restoring services and employee salaries," said Mayor Chuck Reed.*

*"However, the ruling also highlights how the current state of the law provides cities, counties and other government agencies with very little flexibility for dealing with skyrocketing retirement costs."*

*Disability Retirement: Following the Judge's decision to uphold the provisions reforming the disability retirement system, Mayor Reed has recommended proceeding with the provisions of Measure B that allow the City to provide additional benefits and accommodations to employees who are injured on the job, but do not qualify for a disability retirement (note: this would be on top of the benefits already in place for injured workers). In particular, Mayor Reed suggests:*

- *Ensuring that an alternative position is available for employees who are injured on the job and can no longer perform their current duties.*
- *Providing funding for disability insurance that helps cover the difference in wages when an injured employee is forced to switch jobs.”*

### **Measuring City Performance**

For a great summary of the City’s revenues, expenses, and the services that it provides to the residents of San Jose, check out the City Auditor’s Service Efforts and Accomplishments Report for the 2012-2013 year:

<http://sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/24941>

### **SJ Between the Lines**

We are entering the final days of the “SJ Between the Lines” safe driving video contest. We have received some amazing videos from high school students from throughout San Jose. With only one day left in the contest, please pass this information along to any high school students you know, so that they may have the opportunity to win the \$5000 grand prize!

On Thursday, January 23rd, we will be announcing the winner at the SJ Between the Lines Awards Ceremony. You are invited to attend this event and cheer on our amazing youths. The ceremony will be held at DGDG Capitol Volkswagen (911 Capitol Auto Mall Expressway, San Jose, 95136) at 6:00 PM.

To RSVP contact Rayshelle at [rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4982. You may also contact her if you have any questions regarding the contest, or you may visit the contest website at [www.sjbetweenthelines.org](http://www.sjbetweenthelines.org).

Continue reading below for more updates and opportunities to get involved in our community. If you have any questions regarding what you’ve read in this newsletter, feel free to contact my office at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910. Also, for updates between newsletters, add me as a friend on [Facebook](#) or follow me on [Twitter](#)! Have a wonderful day and Happy 2014!

Sincerely,

Johnny

## **Expressway Improvements**

Did you know that the Expressways in our City are owned and maintained by the County? The County of Santa Clara, in partnership with all cities within the County and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency (VTA), is currently conducting a study about potential expressway improvements and would like your input. There are several

Open Houses scheduled this month where you can see a display of the Expressways as well as learn more about existing conditions and current plans. This is a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts and concerns about the Expressways in your area.

The flyer for the open house schedule and Plan 2040 information can be found by [clicking here.](#)

As a member of the Expressway Plan 2040 Policy Advisory Board representing the City of San José, it is important that I receive your feedback. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please feel free to share your thoughts with me by emailing me at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or by calling my office at 408-535-4910.

## Budget Season is Upon Us

Budget season will be in full swing starting in January. There are fourteen opportunities for residents to be involved in the process. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

**January 18** – Neighborhood Association/Youth Commission Priority Setting Session  
One leader from each Association is invited, so encourage yours to attend.

**March 11** – Mayor’s Budget Message and Public Hearing

**April/May** – Community Budget Meetings

**10 meetings will be scheduled** – one per district

**May 13** – Initial Public Hearing on proposed budget

**June 9** – Final Public Hearing on proposed budget

For more information about the budget and the budget process, visit the City Manager’s Budget Office website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=183>

## Tonight - VTA SR85 Express Lanes Project Open House

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is holding an informational, open house-style meeting TODAY, January 16th regarding the SR 85 Express Lanes Project (the first meeting was held on January 14th). This meeting will provide the public with the opportunity to learn about the projects, review maps of the project area and ask any questions. Information will also be available on other Express Lane projects in Santa Clara County. More meetings, focused on the U.S. 101 project, will take place later this spring.

The meetings details are as follows:  
Date: Today, Thursday, January 16th

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Cambrian Branch Library, 1780 Hillsdale Avenue, San Jose, CA

More information on the project is available at [www.vta.org/85expresslanes](http://www.vta.org/85expresslanes).

## 2014 Crime and Gang Prevention Summit

On behalf of the City of San Jose, we invite you to attend the Sixth Annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit sponsored by the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force. The purpose of this summit is to promote and encourage partnerships among residents, the City of San Jose, and local community-based organizations to build a safer, more vibrant city.

The summit will feature informational workshops, a community resource fair, and a complimentary lunch for participants. Workshop topics include: Gang 102 and a Way Out, Faith Initiative, SJPD Community Safety Strategies, and Parent Engagement and Resources.

### When:

Saturday, February 8, 2014

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

### Where:

Mt. Pleasant High School Theater

1750 S White Rd

San Jose, CA 95127

All interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Please [RSVP online](#) by Tuesday, February 4, 2014. Space is limited, so please sign up early. If you have any questions, please call the Mayor's office at (408) 535-4800

## Tickets for the 2014 Freedom Train are on Sale Now

Come join members of the community as we listen to civil rights stories told by the United States Marshals' and sing along with our talented gospel vocalists!

Date: Monday, January 20, 2014.

Time: The Freedom Train will depart San Jose at 10:00am and run nonstop to San Francisco arriving at approximately 11:00am.

Location: San Jose Diridon Station, 65 Cahill Street, San Jose, Ca. 95110.

Cost: \$15.00 – General, \$10.00 – Seniors 65 and older, persons with disabilities, children 0-18 years of age, and students. (Proof of ID required.)

Please visit [scvmlk.org](http://scvmlk.org) to find out how to purchase your tickets TODAY!

### **Extended VTA Bus Service in District 10**

The VTA is very excited to announce expanded bus service to District 10 to make it easier and more convenient to leave the car at home and leave the driving to us! We have added more bus stops to the Limited Express Bus Lines 328 & 330. Please feel free to share with neighbors, co-workers, and others that may be interested. More information about routing and schedules can be found at <http://www.vta.org/routes/rt328> and <http://www.vta.org/routes/rt330>.

### **Student Leaders Program – Calling All High School Juniors and Seniors!**

Bank of America is looking for tomorrow's community leaders today. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is accepting applications for the 2014 Student Leaders® program. We are asking for your help to identify outstanding young people who are passionate about making a difference in our community.

Since its inception in 2004, the Bank of America Student Leaders® Program has recognized nearly 2,000 exemplary high school juniors and seniors with a passion for improving their communities. The program's goal is to cultivate and develop the next generation of community leaders through two components:

An eight-week paid internship in the summer of 2014 with selected local nonprofit organizations, designed to provide opportunities for the students to develop and apply leadership skills through hands-on work experience, while raising their awareness of community issues addressed by their Nonprofit Host Organization.

At a weeklong, all-expenses-paid Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. from July 13-18, 2014, conducted in partnership with the Close Up Foundation, the Summit will introduce students to aspects of civic, social and business leadership and provides them with knowledge and skills they will use throughout their lives to create positive community change.

Interested students may apply by going to [www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders](http://www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders). Please note the application deadline of January 31, 2014.

For more information on the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, please visit [www.bankofamerica.com/foundation](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation). We appreciate your help in informing young people about this wonderful opportunity.

### **Guadalupe River Park Conservancy hosts Super Bowl Sunday Run**

On February 2, 2014, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, with sponsorship from the San Jose Water Company, is kicking off Super Bowl Sunday with a 9:00 AM Super

Guadalupe River Run! Don't fumble the opportunity to burn some calories. Whether you go long for 6.2 miles, run a 3.1 mile buttonhook, or tackle the kids' 1K quarterback sneak, you'll earn your guacamole on the Guadalupe. The run starts at 438 Coleman Ave in downtown San Jose. For more information, visit [www.grpg.org](http://www.grpg.org) . Proceeds benefit Guadalupe River Park Conservancy's education and stewardship efforts.

## Local Business Spotlight – A Word from the Sonoma Chicken Coop and Jimmy's

### ***Sonoma Chicken Coop***

Since we are a family restaurant, we offer free kid's meals with each adult meal every Monday and Tuesday, plus games and coloring contests for the kids.

Our newest, most exciting news is that Weekend Breakfast, is back beginning this weekend, January 18th and 19th. Served from 9 AM to 2 PM, we have a simple but satisfying menu. In addition, we have a free business lunch offer. We are proud of our extensive Happy Hour menu for business meetings, served daily from 2 PM – 6 PM. We also cater large and small events, and as you know, we can accommodate large groups: sports, schools, meetings, hobby groups, churches etc.

We are conveniently located across from Almaden Lake, near Costco, Oakridge Mall, Home Depot and Orchard Supply, Whole Foods, Office Max. We look forward to serving you soon!

Sonoma Chicken Coop Almaden  
5925 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 95120  
(408) 997-1272 or [e.eden07@yahoo.com](mailto:e.eden07@yahoo.com)

### ***Jimmy's Restaurant***

The District 10 Staff chose Jimmy's as their starting point for their Staff retreat. Everyone was very pleased with the quality of food and the friendly service! Councilmember Khamis especially liked their omelets. We are happy to support our local businesses! If you have a shop or restaurant that you think deserves recognizing, let us know! Contact Rayshelle at [rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rayshelle.brant@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910 to give us your review!

222 W Capitol Expy  
San Jose, CA 95136  
(408) 972-5570  
Open 24 hours

## San Jose Family Camp at Yosemite: Online Reservations for 2014 Summer Season

Returning for another year of family memories, San Jose Family Camp at Yosemite is proud to announce a new online reservation system for the 2014 summer season that runs from June 13 through August 9, 2014. The system allows Campers to view photos of campsites, select their favorite spot from a map of available tents on their preferred

dates, and make a partial or full payment by credit card.

Family Camp at Yosemite amenities include; all meals, a tent, cots, flush toilets and showers. Camp activities include fishing, swimming, rafting, hiking, gold panning, crafts, relaxing and organized events. Yosemite's West Entrance gate is 20 minutes away.

Reservations are being accepted now - simply visit [www.FamilyCampReservations.com](http://www.FamilyCampReservations.com). Please call the Family Camp Office at (408) 794-6208 if you need any assistance, or wish to pay by cash or check.

### Lam Research "Heart & Soles 5K"

Give your New Year's resolution a fighting chance! Join us for the inaugural Lam Research "Heart & Soles 5K". Studies show that kids who eat healthy meals are better learners. We hope you can join us for this year's race to introduce salad bars into Silicon Valley K-8 schools that want them.

#### Race Details:

Saturday, February 8, 2014~ 9:00 AM

Hellyer Park~ San Jose, CA

5K Walk/Run- \$38 (ages 8 and up), race starts at 9:00 AM

Kids Fun Run- \$12 (ages 2-7), race starts at 10:30 AM

All 5K participants will receive a long-sleeved shirt, bib, and timing chip. All Kids Fun Run participants will receive a t-shirt and a medal.

To register, [click here!](#)

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